

Swimming

Swimming pool and wading pool for motel guests and overnight campers only. Pool opens Memorial Day through Labor Day. No lifeguard on duty.

Nearby Attractions

- Dixie Gun Works, Union City, 25 miles
- Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge, 8 miles
- Emmett Lewis Heritage Museum, Tiptonville, 3 miles

Other Nearby State Parks

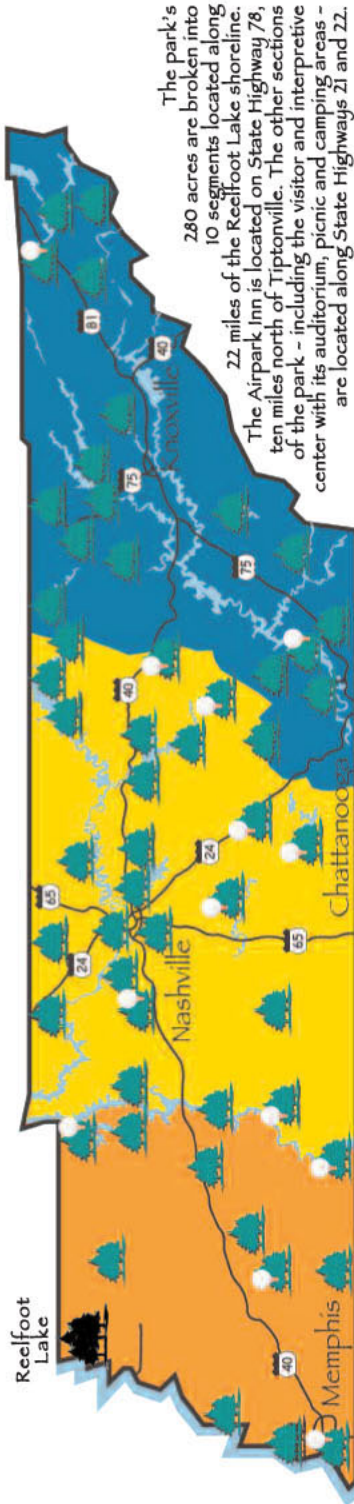
- Big Cypress Tree State Natural Area, 46 miles

Annual Events

- Bald Eagle and Waterfowl Tours, January and February
- Scenic Boat tours, May through September
- Round House Reunion – 50's and 60's Musical Event, 3rd Sunday in September
- Arts and Crafts Festival, 1st weekend in October



Reelfoot Lake



The park's 280 acres are broken into 10 segments located along 22 miles of the Reelfoot Lake shoreline. The Airpark Inn is located on State Highway 78, ten miles north of Tiptonville. The other sections of the park – including the visitor and interpretive center with its auditorium, picnic and camping areas – are located along State Highways 21 and 22.

Hours of Operation:

The park is open 7 days a week

For Further Information, Contact:

Reelfoot Lake State Park / 3120 State Route 213

Tiptonville, TN 38079 / Office: (731) 253-7756 / Toll Free: 1 (800) 250-8617

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Tennessee State Parks / 401 Church St., 7th Floor / Nashville, TN 37243

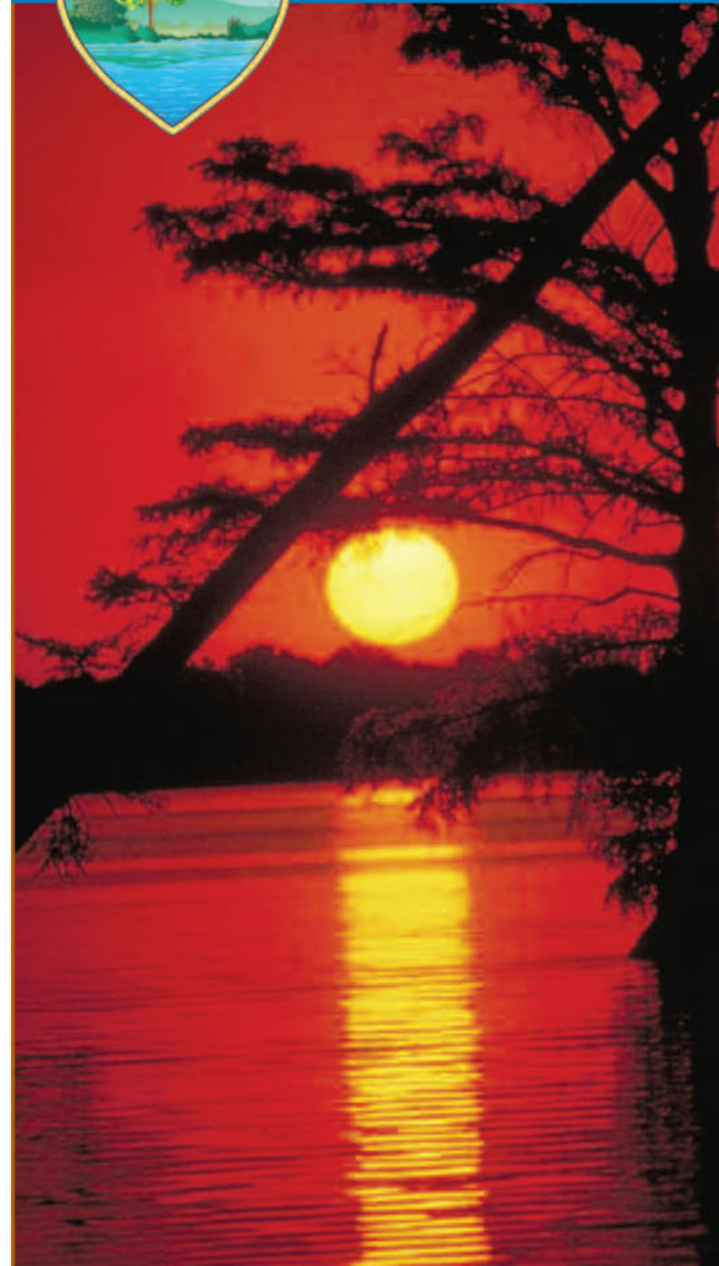
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TENNESSEE STATE PARKS REELFOOT LAKE STATE PARK





Reelfoot Lake State Park

is located in the northwest corner of Tennessee and contains 280 acres broken into 10 different segments situated along 22 miles of Reelfoot Lake shoreline. The park offers overnight accommodations at both the Airpark Inn and the Spillway areas. The visitors' center provides insight into the origin of Reelfoot Lake and its complex ecosystem. Seasonal boat tours of the lake and guided tours to view wintering bald eagles and waterfowl are highlights of the park's interpretive efforts.

Historical significance

Severe earthquakes created Reelfoot Lake, Tennessee's largest natural lake, during the winter of 1811 and 1812. This partially submerged forest provides approximately 18,000 acres of wildlife habitat. Located on the "Mississippi Flyway", the lake hosts thousands of migrating waterfowl and the majestic bald eagle during the winter months. Although fishermen troll the waters throughout the year, Reelfoot Lake is renowned for its excellent spring catches of crappie, bream, bass, and catfish. Photographers, wildlife enthusiasts, and bird watchers flock to Reelfoot for its wildlife diversity, its abundant avian spring and fall migrations, and its unmatched views and sunsets.

Meeting Rooms

Reelfoot Lake State Park provides two meeting rooms. Reelfoot's 3,750 sq. ft. air conditioned Ellington Hall Auditorium with kitchen facilities can seat approximately 400 people theater style or 240 people banquet style. This room is perfect for banquets, reunions, or meetings. The Airpark's Reelfoot Room at 1600 sq. ft. will seat approximately 200 people theater style or 100 people banquet style. Both are available year round at nominal costs. Reservations are accepted up to 12 months in advance.

Inn

Creating a unique natural experience, Reelfoot Lake State Park's Airpark Inn is situated out over the lake nestled among towering cypress trees. Each room has its own balcony, providing occupants with their own window into nature's intriguing and varied wonders. Some rooms provide double occupancy while other rooms can accommodate up to 6 people. Each room contains a small refrigerator, a microwave and a coffee maker. Grills are located nearby. The park also provides a five-unit motel at the Spillway area. All Spillway units can sleep 3 people and have a refrigerator, a microwave, and a coffee maker. Three Spillway units provide kitchenettes. Pet rooms are available at both areas. Credit cards are accepted. Check out is 11:00 a.m. For reservations and information call (800) 250-8617 or (731) 253-7756.

Museum

Reelfoot Lake State Park's R.C. Donaldson Memorial Museum features natural and cultural exhibits of the area. The museum is open year-round except for the Christmas holiday period. Admission is free. Call (731) 253-9652 for information.

Camping

Reelfoot Lake State Park features two campgrounds. The south campground offers 86 sites open from mid March until mid November. The Airpark campground offers 14 sites open year round. Both campgrounds have bathhouses with showers and dumping stations. All sites have water and electric hook ups and tables and grills. All sites have 30 amp or 50 amp breakers. Most sites will accept camper lengths up to 35 feet. Campsites are available on a first-come first-serve basis. Primitive campsites are available. Check-in stations are present. Maximum stay is two weeks. Pets accepted on leash.

Hiking

Reelfoot Lake State Park and other state lands offer several easy to moderate trails providing access to this unique wetland habitat. Allow one to two hours or less walking time per trail. Trail information available at the visitor center. Trails may be wet due to rain and lake levels.

Nature Center

A part of Reelfoot Lake State Park's R.C. Donaldson Memorial Museum, the nature center, houses various non-releasable raptors, some snakes, and other wildlife of the area. Open year-round except for the Christmas holiday period. Admission is free.

Gift Shop

Reelfoot's gift shop features wildlife field guides, nature books, and books on area history. Open year-round except for the Christmas holiday period.

Picnic Pavilions and Playgrounds

Reelfoot offers visitors approximately 200 picnic sites. Most of the sites have grills. All sites are adjacent to drinking water, toilet facilities, and playgrounds. There are five large pavilions for group use. All sites are available on a first-come first-serve basis. Pavilions may be reserved with a nominal fee.

Boating

Reelfoot Lake is open to boating throughout the year. Several public ramps are located at various points on the lake. Many private operations offer boat rental. Since Reelfoot Lake contains a partially submerged forest, boaters should use caution.

Fishing

Fishing is available year round. Bass, Crappie, Bream, and Catfish are most popular species sought. Appropriate Tennessee license and lake permit required. Some fish cleaning stations are available. Private bait and boat rental concessions nearby. Piers, boardwalks, and bank fishing are available.

Planned Programs

From early January through early-March, park naturalists conduct daily eagle tours. Call for reservations. Reelfoot Lake scenic cruise boat tours are available daily May through September. A guide is available to answer questions and to interpret the natural and cultural wonders of the lake. Reservations are advised, especially for groups.

